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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63391

Abraham J. DOMB, et al.

Confirmation No.: 7369

Appln. No.: 10/083,413

Group Art Unit: 1654

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Examiner: Michele C. FLOOD

For: ABSORBABLE SOLID COMPOSITIONS FOR TOPICAL TREATMENT OF ORAL
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

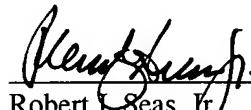
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement asserted in the November 5, 2002 Office Action, Applicants herewith elects composition Claims 1-26 of Group I for prosecution on the merits herein, with traverse.

The fields of search outlined by the Examiner for at least Groups I, II and III are substantially coextensive, and thus no additional searching burden would be placed on the Examiner.

Moreover, while acquiescence in a restriction requirement and the attendant filing of a divisional application(s) surely represents the "path of least resistance", the cumulative Government filing, Issue and Maintenance fees alone involved in pursing such course of action currently totals almost \$10,000, which seems a high price indeed to spare the Examiner from a minor additional searching effort.

Respectfully submitted,



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